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LOK SABHA**

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REGULATION OF INTERNET TELEPHONY COMPANIES

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to regulate internet telephony companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these regulations are also applicable to Indian companies;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a)to(e) The Government has decided to issue a single licence for provision of Internet services including Internet telephony and facility to establish Internet Gateway stations to companies registered under Indian Companies Act, 1956. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) ceiling in the Licensee Companies is 74%.